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## TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

### GERMAN ATTEMPT TO RUSH THE BRITISH LINE.

AN ENTERPRISE WHICH HOPELESSLY FAILED.

Compulsory Service: a Strong Official Hint.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS OPPOSE WAR CREDIT.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph"]

#### MR. ASQUITH'S SPEECH.

A WORD TO THE SLACKERS.

December 21, 7.05 p.m.  
The deepest interest was manifested in Mr. Asquith's speech in the House of Commons. The galleries were crowded and Lord Derby and Sir John Fisher sat above the clock.

Mr. Asquith stated that the men from Anzac would, after a much-needed rest, proceed to a new theatre of war. He paid a warm tribute to General Maunier and General Birdwood, and, passing to the Western front, to Field Marshal Viscount French and General Sir Douglas Haig. He expressed appreciation of Lord Derby's efforts and spoke of the response from all parts of the Empire, which, he said, was a commentary on the lethargy shown by some at home. Let the hangers-back, said Mr. Asquith, seize the opportunity even now and follow the example patriotically set by the great mass of the country.

Mr. Asquith said he hoped the Paris Conference would lead to greater concentration of purpose, co-ordination of plans, and common energy and effectiveness of action. There had been in this war an abundance of errors and miscalculation, but these were not confined to our side. The Allies had never wavered for a moment, and now the fighting forces, both in men and material, were becoming more ample in quantity every month and were better mobilized and organized for campaigning.

#### SIR EDWARD CARSON'S CRITICISM.

December 22, 3.35 a.m.  
The House of Commons continued its sitting all night. Sir Edward Carson said the only criticism he had to make was that the vote came too late and was not large enough. He declared that trade must spare the necessary men, and, referring to Mr. Redmond's speech, said he did not believe that Ireland would hesitate to join in whatever measures were necessary to finish the war.

#### WHAT BRITAIN HAS DONE.

Mr. Runciman said that we could only pay for munitions produced abroad by safeguarding our exports, and unless the latter were kept up we should damage the cause of the Allies as much as if we failed to put another million men in the field. It was easy to underestimate Britain's war burden, but if we had not cleared the German cruisers off the seas, the Allies would not have lasted six months. Moreover, where would the Allies have been without British credit behind them, and the British industries which had been maintained in a state of efficiency?

#### AMERICA AND AUSTRIA.

A SECOND NOTE.

December 22, 1.30 p.m.  
A message from Washington states that the second United States Note to Austria concerning the sinking of the Ancona is very brief. It declares that the admission by the Austrian Admiralty that the liner was torpedoed after she was stopped, while passengers were still aboard, alone justifies the American demands, and concludes by saying that the continued good relations between the two countries depends on the action of Austria.

## TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

### COMPULSORY SERVICE.

MR. ASQUITH'S POINTED HINT.

December 22, 1.29 a.m.  
In the House of Commons, after a long succession of speakers arguing for and against compulsion, Mr. Tennant said Mr. Asquith had indicated that if certain conditions as regards recruiting were not fulfilled, the steps taken in the past might have to be substituted by others, and the Government might have to ask for further powers. Mr. Tennant said that he did not wish to forebode what those powers would be, but the Government should feel that in asking for those powers they had behind them not only a vast majority in the House of Commons, but also of the people outside. Mr. Tennant appealed to the Nationalists to throw in their lot with the Government in their efforts to bring the war to the only possible termination conceivable.

### GERMAN WAR CREDITS.

OPPOSED BY SOCIALISTS.

December 23, 7.35 a.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that the Reichstag has approved the third reading of the war credit of \$500,000,000, a number of Socialists voting against it. The House adjourned until January 11.

In the course of the debate, a statement on behalf of the Socialist Party was read, regretting the lack of response to its appeals to the workers of other countries with a view to restoring peace in Europe, which they so eagerly desired. The statement declared that it was the duty of Germans to continue the war, but it insisted on an adequate maintenance of the families of soldiers and the feeding of the poor, and protested against the plans of conquest.

Herr Edert said he hoped every chance would be seized to negotiate for peace.

Herr Geyer, on behalf of nineteen Socialists, said the German politicians who were working for annexation were the greatest obstacles to peace negotiations. Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg in his speech on the 9th inst. supported this dangerous policy, and therefore Herr Geyer and his comrades refused to vote for the war credits.

### THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

GERMANS SUFFER HEAVILY.

December 23, 7.35 a.m.  
The Press Bureau issues a report from Headquarters which states that there were bombing engagements last evening about the quarries north of Loos and a considerable enemy fusillade opposite Arras, where some mine craters are being disputed. There was also considerable hostile shelling to the north of Loos and about Ypres, we retaliating.

The enemy artillery was to-day active in some places but our guns retaliated effectively. The enemy on two occasions made attempts to occupy craters opposite Arras, but both attacks were repulsed after stubborn bombing contests, during which the enemy exposed himself freely and lost heavily.

### GERMAN SURPRISE EFFORT FAILS.

December 22, 4.00 a.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters, in describing Sunday's German failure north-east of Ypres, says it is clear that the Germans hoped to surprise us. At least, colour is lent to this view by their failure to press the infantry assault.

The attack was made early in the morning, when least resistance might have been expected. Soon gas was seen coming, and our artillery put a shrapnel and high explosives into it in order to scatter the columns which might have been massed behind. However, the German rush was spent before it reached the parapet. A deafening artillery duel followed.

When the fog of debris had been cleared, two capacious craters were revealed near the Ypres-Arras railway line, and, like swarms of insects, tiny green figures were seen wriggling thither, but they steadily melted before the fusillade of rifle and machine-gun fire without getting closer. Finally, the British occupied the craters.

The correspondent adds that our bombers have been increasingly active and daring, and this form of warfare is frankly distasteful to the enemy. The individual superiority of our men over the steadily deteriorating enemy is daily becoming more marked.

### AMERICAN SECURITIES.

A BRITISH INVITATION.

December 23, 7.35 a.m.  
An invitation to sell or lend American securities to the Government is gazetted. The wording of the announcement appears to indicate that the amount at present required is already largely assured by tenders from Insurance and Trust Companies.

## TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

### CAPTURED BRITISHERS.

A MATTER FOR PERSIA.

December 23, 7.35 a.m.  
In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil, in reply to Sir E. Cornwall, said it had been decided to leave the question as to how the release of the Britishers captured at Shiraz can be secured to the Persian Government. We, however, should carefully watch any developments.

### BRITISH SUBMARINE'S GOOD WORK.

December 23, 7.35 a.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that a British submarine sank the German steamer Heros and other craft in the Sea of Marmora.

### BOMBARDMENT OF VARNA.

SIXTEEN RUSSIAN TRANSPORTS WAITING.

December 23, 7.35 a.m.  
It is learned from diplomatic sources that Russian squadrons are bombarding Varna and that there are sixteen transports full of troops in the offing.

### THE ANZAC EVACUATION.

AUSTRALIANS TAKE IT CALMLY.

December 22, 2.20 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne states that the withdrawal of the troops from Anzac has not shaken the determination of the Australians to see the war through.

The Premier, Mr. Hughes, says:—"Australia will be in the war till victory is final, complete and overwhelming for the Allies. The evacuation serves to spur our resolute purpose."

Reuter's correspondent at Wellington telegraphs that Mr. Massey, the Premier, says it is better to face the position and be done with it than to proceed with an enterprise which is commonly believed to be an error of judgment. He deprecated criticism and animosity and urged the necessity of presenting a united front to the enemy.

### FRENCH NATIVE ARMY.

(Havas Telegram.)

December 20.  
The President of the French Republic yesterday signed a Decree authorizing the natives of the French Colonies and Dependencies to contract an engagement for 18 years in a Corps of the Army determined by the Secretary of War and outside their Colony. This Decree is to be put into force in Indo-China, Madagascar, Central Africa, Somaliland Coast, New Caledonia and Oceania.

In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### THE ARMY ESTIMATE.

MR ASQUITH'S IMPORTANT SPEECH.

December 21, 5.10 p.m.  
In the House of Commons, after animated discussion, Mr. Asquith moved an estimate for an additional million men and announced that, at the end of sixteen months, Britain had a fighting force of one and a quarter millions in the various theatres of war. He emphasized that the total casualties in the Dardanelles withdrawal were three wounded, one of whom was a naval casualty (Cheers). He said that General Sir William Robertson had been recalled from France and made Chief of the Imperial Staff in place of General Sir Archibald Murray, who is about to receive an important command. Turning to the question of men Mr. Asquith pointed out that the wastage was enormous, consequently they should aim at getting every man of military age who was physically qualified. They should also increase the aggregate fighting force consistent with national necessities. He regretted that he was unable to give the results of Lord Derby's scheme. He reiterated the pledge given to married men. Mr. Asquith went on to intimate that the British troops remained at Bodel-Bahr, where the naval and military forces commanded the entrance to the Straits. Reluctantly they had left Anzac, where the Australians had won undying fame, but everything had been brought off except some stores and six guns, which were destroyed. He then dwelt upon the vast importance of the Allied War Conference in Paris, at which most important conclusions were reached with absolute unanimity. All the Allies, he said, were determined to persist in the effort to win the war. He remarked that for the present the campaign might seem to be against us, but everything was growing steadily on our side.

ESTIMATES PASSED WITHOUT DIVISION.

After an all night sitting the House of Commons voted the Army estimate without dividing.  
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NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

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### DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

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Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

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China Year.

The Duration of the War.

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that the protection of the war

depended entirely upon the supply

of men and munitions; and

last week in taking his farewell of

the Army on the Continent, the

Field-Marshal expressed his conviction

that a glorious ending to their heroic

struggle is not far distant. About the same time

Lord Derby, who has rendered

yeoman service to the State by his

re-organizing organization, was

telling a public meeting in London

that probably the end of the war would

come sooner than many people

believed. We do not regard these

statements as the expression of

mere pious hopes. In the speech

of Mr. Lloyd George in the House

of Commons on Monday, on the

subject of the amazing increase

in the output of munitions, taken

in conjunction with what we have

recently been told in the cable re-

garding the enormous addition

which has been made to the

numerical strength of the British

Army.

South China Morning Post.

War's Machinery.

No more eloquent testimony to

the resourcefulness of the British

people has ever been uttered than

that contained in the statement

made in the House of Commons

this week by Mr. Lloyd George.

If Germany's successes in the

war have been due to the tardiness

of the Allies in organizing an

developing their mechanical

resources, the "fact" once re-

cognised and brought home to

the people, has been remedied in

a manner which reads more like

a fairy tale than actual fact.

But fact it is, and our munition

position to-day, when compared

with that of the enemy, is

reversed from hopeless inferiority

to one of marked superiority.

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the Ministry and controlled by

prominent business men have

proved a conspicuous success and

are coping with the prodigious

expenditure of munitions in a

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The Last Sir Thomas Jackson.

The news was received in the

Colony yesterday with very

sincere regret that Sir Thomas

Jackson, Bart., died suddenly in

London on the 21st instant.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

**A Newspaper's Record.**  
Up to the end of October fifty-five employees of the *Hongkong Daily Press and Mail* were serving in the Navy or Army. This is a very large percentage of those of serviceable age, as the staff of about 350, a very considerable number are over forty years of age.

**Ballot Frauds in America.**  
Pittsburgh, November 8.—The grand jury, which is investigating allegations of fraud and ballot-box tampering at the primary election here in September, today returned thirty-four indictments charging misfeasance and conspiracy against election officials in two wards, and others involved in the irregularities.

**U. S. Republican National Committee.**  
Washington, December 15.—The Republican National Committee has decided to hold the next republican national convention, of which candidates for president and vice president are to be nominated, on Wednesday, June 7, 1916, at Chicago. The democratic national convention will be held at St. Louis, June 14.

**Soldiers in the Philippines Not Permitted to Box.**  
As a result of an investigation by the army authorities, it is learned from a reliable source that General Barry has issued a letter to each company commander ordering them to strictly enforce the order against soldiers fighting, and placing upon them the responsibility of following the rule to the letter.

**The Philippine Constabulary Band.**  
Honolulu, December 15.—An immense throng, turned out to hear the constabulary band last night, which is en route for Manila on the transport *Sherman*, and which gave a special concert under the leadership of Captain Loving. Captain Loving is about to retire from the constabulary on account of physical disability.

**Outbreaks in West China.**  
Omaria, November 29.—The British Consul, at the request of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, has notified British and American subjects that owing to the present exceptional prevalence of brigandage in Szechuan, everybody should notify the Chinese authorities when they intend to travel or transport goods in order that proper protection may be afforded en route.

**The King's New Dominions.**  
The Gilbert and Ellice Islands, in the Pacific Ocean, which already had been proclaimed British Protectorates have by the desire of the native Governments, been annexed to his Majesty's Dominions by Order in Council. The Order, which was approved at a meeting of the Privy Council was published in the London Gazette of November 12. There are sixteen islands in the Gilbert and Ellice Group. The Gilbert Islands were declared a Protectorate in May, 1892, and the Ellice Islands a Protectorate in September of the same year.

**How Opium is Smuggled to Hongkong.**  
Calcutta, November 20.—On Friday, the Magistrate heard the case in which Kiong Thai, a Chinese and intruding passenger by the s.s. *Kun Sang* for Hongkong, was arrested by Messrs. Mainland and Vailant of the Customs Preventive Force, for having in his possession five sacks of opium, without a pass or licence, concealed in a double-bottomed basket found in a duff when the accused was proceeding to the steamer lying off Quoddi Point. The officers minutely examined all his baggage and when they came upon the basket, they noticed that the bottom was thick and on probing it with a big nail they got a strong smell of opium. They then tore open the case of the basket and found inside five sacks of opium. The Court convicted the accused and sentenced him to four months' rigorous imprisonment.

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## PLAGUE PREVENTION.

A Report of Interest to Hongkong.

Some idea of the good work which is being performed by the North Manchurian Plague Prevention Service may be gathered from the third annual report of Dr. Wu Lien Teh, its Director and chief medical officer, says the *L. and C. Express*. Although there has been no severe outbreak of the dreaded disease since 1910-11, it is of the utmost importance that no precautions that it is possible to take should be neglected, and that the authorities should be fully prepared to take effective control in the event of an epidemic. Plague made its appearance during the past year in the southern provinces of China, in Japan, India, Siberia, Hongkong, Shanghai, and elsewhere, but Manchuria remained entirely free. This makes the fifth consecutive year in which the pest has not occurred throughout these Provinces. As Dr. Wu remarks, experience has proved that it is only by continually drawing attention to the advantages of a hygienic life among all classes of the community, especially women and children, by means of books, models, painted tracts, public lectures, accurate treatment in the hospitals, &c., that the people of China can be made to realise more quickly the aims and objects of modern preventive medicine. Prevention or control of a terrible disease like plague, says Dr. Wu, resolves itself largely into one of prevention of control or other epidemic diseases affecting mankind, in which education of the masses played a most important part. Provided the majority understand approximately the cause of plague and its method of transmission either by the rat flea or directly from person to person, they can take good care of themselves by observing simple rules. Dr. Wu notes with satisfaction in the published report of the China Medical Commission of the Rockefeller Foundation, issued as a result of several months' investigation into the state of medical affairs in China, that acknowledged it was that the North Manchurian Plague Prevention Service is the first serious attempt made by the Chinese Government for placing the national public health service on a sound scientific basis under capable medical officers. Dr. Wu adds that if this pioneer work was allowed to extend its usefulness further south, they would be able to produce still more striking results in the saving of lives and an improved change in hygienic and sanitary conditions of the people.

It is satisfactory to learn that at the main hospital in Harbin excellent work has been done during the past year. Although the wards in the Plague Compound are empty, they are ready at all times for the reception of cases. Outbreaks reported now and then from various parts of the country emphasize, says Dr. Wu, the need of taking every precaution during the most unexpected

of times, and justifies the existence of the hospitals, not only as units of a comprehensive scheme for the prevention of plague, but also as bureaux of information on this and similar epidemic diseases. The Director in his second Annual General Report drew attention to the existence of outbreaks of epidemic diseases among cattle and horses in Manchuria, closely related to man, and asked for the appointment of a veterinary surgeon from abroad who could devote his time to the elucidation of the problem. At the instance of the Heilungkiang Government, such an appointment has been made in the person of Dr. Frank C. Herberberger, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine of the Kansas City College of Veterinary Medicine, U.S.A. As Dr. Wu observes, the appointment of a qualified veterinary surgeon to co-operate with him in dealing with pests affecting animals will be of far-reaching importance, because of the close relationship between man and the lower animals in the spread of certain epidemic diseases, such as plague, anthrax, trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness), &c. The total appropriation for this work, amounting to nearly 10,000 roubles, is borne entirely by the Heilungkiang Government, and is a praiseworthy attempt to deal with the pests affecting valuable domestic animals. Another item of interest is that a museum has been fitted up in which are displayed plague specimens, all possible apparatus for dealing with an outbreak of plague, models of the principal sanitary appliances recommended for use in this country, pathological specimens which passed through the hands of the medical officers, mosquitoes, fleas, flies, and other insects associated with disease in the North and other interesting objects. At the laboratory, also, there are all the facilities for carrying on detailed bacteriological investigations. Finally, we may note that the war in Europe has affected the service in several directions. Owing to the extraordinary fall in the price of the rouble, a high exchange rate had to be paid for drugs, instruments, and other hospital requisites. Labour was also unusually dear, and in consequence, it was necessary to economise in every way possible. For this reason, the building of a new block containing the bacteriological laboratory, operating rooms, and quarters for resident medical officers, the present ones being too cold in winter, had to be postponed. Notwithstanding, Dr. Wu Lien Teh is to be congratulated upon the success and efficiency of the service which owes so much to his own initiative and zealous work.

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## MARRIAGE.

McCULLAGH-JOHNSTONE.—On Saturday December 12, at the Wesley Church Singapore, W. D. McCullagh of the Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation to Muriel eldest daughter of the late W. J. Johnstone and Mrs. Johnstone of Belfast.

## DEATHS.

BEAMISH.—On 1st November, suddenly, in London, John Spread Hamilton Beamish, Lieutenant 3rd King's Shropshire Light Infantry, youngest son of the late Rear-Admiral H. H. Beamish, C.B., aged thirty-eight.

MURRAY.—On 1st December, in England, George Comyn Murray, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

LLOYD.—On the morning of the 13th inst., at Cairn Hill Cottage, Singapore, Patrick Francis Lloyd, son of Mr. J. T. Lloyd, Singapore, aged 25 years. R.I.P.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1915.

## THE INDENTURED LABOUR QUESTION AGAIN.

The leading feature of the average Reuter cable concerning Indian affairs is that it has no earthly interest for people this side of Rangoon or Colombo. Yesterday, however, the happy exception came through, in the form of a statement made by Mr. Austin Chamberlain in reply to a question as to whether the Raj had recommended the abolition of the indentured labour system. This matter closely concerns every man who holds rubber shares and most men who are interested in mining, as well as more indirectly all persons connected with the hiring of contract coolies, whether Chinese, Japanese, Indian or Javanese.

Mr. Chamberlain's reply is as satisfactory as could be expected under the circumstances. Definiteness on such a matter could hardly be looked for at a time when every public matter, however important in normal times, becomes quite secondary unless it has a more or less direct bearing on the war. The Secretary of State for India said that he had recently received a communication from the Raj dealing with the "objections to and disadvantages of" the present system under which labour went from India to the Colonies, and suggesting a possible solution of these difficulties. Mr. Chamberlain added that matters were still only at a preliminary stage and that he would be unable to make a definite statement for some time. When that statement comes we shall like to see it; and we shall also be curious to learn what form the Government of India's "possible solution of the difficulties" is likely to take.

Hitherto the feeling in planting and mining circles has been that the indentured coolie system is an evil, but an absolutely necessary evil. Every person in Hongkong who employs men from another country is faced with this contract question in one form or another. The method employed must be more or less taken on trust, and may turn out well or ill or neither the one nor the other; their fare has to be paid and sometimes an "advance" as well as the employer taking the risk as to whether the employed is likely or not to refuse to carry out his contract on his arrival or after a few days or weeks of trial. Thus the mining and estate companies should find sympathisers in it is and other colonies. The main complaint laid against the contract system is that it leaves the coolie (or other employee, for that matter) tied to a definite term of service, whether he likes his work or not. Everyone recognises that difficulty, but no one has hitherto offered a satisfactory solution of it. Indian or Chinese coolies engaged for, e.g. the Malay States, cost the estate or mine managers roughly a hundred dollars apiece, only a small portion of which (advances) will be repaid by the coolie. Obviously every bad worker, every runaway and every invalid is thus a distinct monetary loss to the shareholders, for we know of no case wherein an unsatisfactory man has offered to refund passage etc. What then would be the loss if the indentured labour system were entirely abolished? Under those circumstances coolies could be insubordinate or idle, or could frankly strike work and take themselves off and the shareholders would have no remedy. While we see no reasonable substitute for the contract system we fully recognise that the Government of any colony where coolies are working on such terms has it in its power to see that full justice is done both to employer and to labourer. It is a system of surprise visits to mines and estates, were arranged—visits from joint boards of natives and European Government officials—pieces of tyranny on the one hand and insubordination on the other could speedily be enquired into and dealt with. If the coolies once realised that any complaint from them would be properly and fairly threshed out, and that any deliberate offence on their part would be severely dealt with, it seems to us that the system would be greatly improved.

## The New Brown.

If we were inclined to give credence to one half of the reports which hail from Peking concerning the new programme to be followed by the Chinese Government after the establishment of the monarchy, we should most certainly attach a far greater significance to the change in the Constitution than we now do. But it is characteristic of official China to herald the approach of a new regime by a flourish of trumpets and the announcement of an imposing list of intended reforms. We have become quite accustomed to that kind of thing now. Hence we may say, without appearing hypercritical, that we prefer to accept with a very large grain of salt the statement which appears in the Peking newspapers that among the measures to be enforced in the near future are laws to provide for conscription and for compulsory education. The former, we are told, is to be enforced at so early a date as January 1 next, while three months later the latter reform is to be put into operation.

## Still Far Off.

Who is responsible for the circulation of such absurd stories as these, one would like to know. But they are soberly printed in reputable newspapers, and no doubt their appearance pleases somebody, even though they are believed by no one. As ideals to be attained they are all right, but China at the present moment has not the money nor the inclination to put either of these proposals into operation. This, of course, is by no means the first occasion on which these good old hardy maxims have been trotted out. We heard all about them when the "Republic" was inaugurated and have periodically been treated to the revival of the theme many times since. But neither compulsory mental training nor compulsory military training are any nearer enforcement now than they ever were. And no one with an ounce of brain will give a moment's thought to the likelihood of a miraculous transformation being effected simply because there is to be a change and a very superficial one at that—in the form of government. May be the whole explanation of these fanciful reports lies in the desire of some wily official to have in the dim future, the fact ascribed to his foresight that he contemplated such schemes long before they were actually adopted.

## Pure Food.

Laws to safeguard the purity of food are necessary everywhere if the health of the public is to be maintained, but nowhere are such laws more useful than in Hongkong, where so much of our food supply comes to us through Chinese hands. It is with this point in mind that we have so often urged the desirability of the authorities keeping a close watch on the purveyors of life. Compared with any moderate-sized town at home, the number of prosecutions made under the Food and Drugs Act in Hongkong is extremely small—far smaller than it ought to be, in fact. For once in a way there was a case at the Police Court yesterday, a Chinese milk dealer being brought before Mr. Wood in connection with the presence of a certain quantity of boric acid in the milk he was selling. With the merits of the case we are not at the moment concerned, but we certainly have something to say regarding the charge which led to the charge being dismissed. The defence contended that the presence of the acid might have been due to the use of bottles which were not thoroughly cleaned by those taking the sample, and his Worship paid sufficient heed to this probability to discharge the defendant. In these cases one would have thought that the first duty of those taking samples would be to use absolutely clean bottles as used. It is, in fact, scandalous that a prosecution should fall through because such an elementary precaution as this was not taken. We can only hope that this is the last instance we shall hear of this sort of thing. Somebody is seriously to blame in the matter.

## DAY BY DAY.

A SEVERE FROST IS THE SYMBOL OF A SEVERE FROST.—The Evening News.

The Weather.  
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 47; fine.  
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 55; fine.

The Mails.  
Siberian Mail.—Due to-morrow per a.s. Anshui.  
Canadian and Siberian Mails.—Closed to-day per a.s. Yokohama 11 a.m.  
Siberian Mail.—Closed to-day per a.s. Shantung 3 p.m.

The Dollar.  
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 7/10 15/16.

To-morrow's Anniversaries.  
To-morrow is the 52nd anniversary of Thackeray's death and the 77th birthday of Lord Moxley.

For the Tommies.  
We have received a sum of \$11 collected for the Allied Cigarette and Tobacco Fund by "Sympathisers."

## Voyage Report.

The a.s. Empire, which arrived from Australia to-day, reports having encountered heavy north-east monsoon on the run up from Manila.

Gold Watch Stolen.  
It has been reported to the Police by the assistant commander of the a.s. Taisuan that on the night of December 21 some person stole from the top of the safe in the commander's room a gold watch, valued \$400.

C. N. Co. Bonus.  
The China Navigation Company has decided to give a bonus of 15 per cent. to its officers, the bonus to be calculated on the basis of salaries from July up to the end of this month. A bonus for the year ended July 31, 1915, has already been given.

A Long Chase.  
It was stated in a case this morning, before Mr. Hazeland, in which a Chinese was charged with stealing a piece of beef, that a chase for over a mile took place before the man was caught. The defendant, who had a number of previous convictions against him, was sentenced to two months' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

Christmas Social.  
Promoted by Mrs. Macdonald, a Christmas Social was held in connection with the Union Church Guild last evening, and the programme, which was of a varied character, was contributed to by the following:—Mrs. Lyle, Misses Rayner and Macdonald, Messrs. W. L. Handyside and E. R. Dovey (chorus) Mrs. D. Wood, Mrs. Lyle, and Mr. Handyside (songs). Miss Mitchell and Mr. F. Macdonald (piano solo), and Mr. A. Hughes (Hon. Secretary of the Guild), reading. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Italian Convent School.  
There was a large attendance at the annual prize distribution held in connection with the Italian Convent School yesterday afternoon (reported in last night's issue). His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni, presided, and there were also present:—Lady May, Mr. R. Ponsonby (Private Secretary to the Governor), Lady Rees Davies, the Right Rev. Bishop Pozzoni, the Portuguese Consul and Mme. d'Obaldia, Mr. Beni (of the Italian Consulate), Mr. and Mrs. E. Ralphs, Rev. Father Gabardi, Rev. Father Noval, Rev. Father Zamponi, Rev. Father de Maria, and Brother Aimar (Brother Director of Joseph's College).

## TO SHIPPING MEN.

The U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey has published its first number of "Notice to Mariners," dated at Manila, December 9, 1915. This is especially compiled for the Philippine Islands and is furnished free to mariners. Masters and others interested are requested to send reports of dangerous changes in aids to navigation, and other information affecting Philippine charts and sailing directions to the Director of Coast Survey at Manila. Copies of these "notices" are on file for inspection at the Harbour Office and the American Consulate General.

## NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

## IN THE BALKANS.

## Still Recruiting.

Talk of recruiting is as much in the foreground as ever in Parliament, and the latest development of the situation is more or less clearly told in speeches or remarks by the Premier, Mr. John Redmond, Mr. H. J. Tennant, and the new Member for Marlborough, Mr. Stanton. Mr. Asquith still does not see his way to disclosing the enlistment figures, for some unexplained reason; Mr. John Redmond declares that the Irish Party will oppose compulsion "under present conditions," while Mr. H. J. Tennant tells the House that "if certain conditions in regard to recruiting are not fulfilled," Mr. Asquith has intimated that "the steps taken in the past might have to be substituted by others, and the Government might have to ask for further powers." This intimation is a little puzzling, for it is scarcely a week since we were told that Lord Derby's scheme had proved an unqualified success. If this latter be indeed the case, why the holding back of the figures, and why the talk of "if certain conditions are not fulfilled"? After the sixteen months of hard work that the Premier has put in, it seems ungracious to cavil at his sayings or doings; yet who that looks facts in the face can fail to see constant traces of the wobbling and indecision and semi-concealment, so dear to the Radical heart, in his various actions?

## "Hypocritical Nonsense."

As a set-off, it is refreshing to read the outspoken remarks of the new Member for Marlborough, Mr. Keir Hardie's successor. Whatever his politics may be, the new man seems to be one who has no time for shilly-shallying and humbug. He gets down to facts immediately. If the country is good enough to live in, he urges, it is good enough to fight for; and that is really the beginning and the end of the entire situation. Mr. Stanton's remarks should do a million times more good than all the half-promises, half-disclosures and half-suppressions that we have been treated to of late. He is in favour of concentrating all interest and all force on the one central point: that we are out to smash Germany, for good and for all. Talk will not do that, nor will the mere ventilation of private views, grievances and scruples. True, it will not be pleasant, in years to come, for us Britishers to have to reflect that circumstances ever justified such an observation as Mr. Stanton's "if people did not volunteer they must be fetched." The miserable part of the business is that circumstances have justified it, and that there is no getting behind the very solid fact that, while one set of Britishers are giving their blood so generously for King and Empire, there is another set that are "not to put too fine a point on it," too mean or too cowardly to volunteer. Unfortunately the latter set (happily they are in the minority) would probably be worse than useless were they forced into the field. By way of a start, why does not the Government, on pain of imprisonment with hard labour for the duration of the war, make them perpetually wear a badge which will proclaim their cowardice to their neighbours?

## The Balkans.

While the eternal argument over the "neutrality" of Greece proceeds, news at last comes that the Russians have effected the long-promised landing at Varna. Here, again, greater frankness on the part of the authorities would have prevented much grumbling and many disappointments. The occupation of Varna was such a very obvious course for Russia to take, that only the gravest reasons could have held her back all this time. Scarcely the public could have been told these reasons—even as it could have been told why the hapless Serbians were kept waiting week after week for reinforcements that never came.

## A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

## LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of December 23, 1914.

## Warning to Merchantmen.

It is officially announced that the Governor of Singapore has reason to believe the statement that the Ayeyah has been picked up by a collier to be incorrect. Merchant ships should still guard against the Ayeyah, especially while anchoring in unprotected harbours.

## What the Germans are Doing in the East.

The adoption of a more restricted front by the Russians is due to the concentration of very great German forces on our front. German Supply Ships Captured. British warships near the Falkland Islands have captured the new Hamburg-America liners Baden and Santa Isabel, both of which had been acting as supply ships to the German fleet.

## Relief of the Belgians in Belgium.

The peoples of New Zealand, Queensland and New South Wales have contributed one hundred thousand pounds for the relief of Belgians in Belgium who are suffering in consequence of the war.

## The War and Unemployment.

The percentage of unemployment returned in the United Kingdom at the end of November was 2.9, as compared with 4.4 per cent. at the end of the previous month and 2.0 per cent. a year ago. In trades compulsorily insured against unemployment, such as shipbuilding, the percentage out of work is well below last year's figure. Last week it was 3.46, as against 4.21 a year ago. In Germany, despite the large number of men called to the colours and the quantity of Government work, the unemployed numbered more than ten per cent. as against 2.8 last year.

## Loyal Message to the King from the New Sultan.

The Sultan of Egypt has addressed a telegram to H.M. the King, thanking His Majesty for his assurance of the co-operation and protection of Great Britain and expressing the resolution to devote himself to the progress and well-being of his people.

## BROKER AND PROPERTY OWNER.

## Claim for Eight Hundred Dollars.

Chan Yang-sang, broker, 61, Des Voeux Road central, sued Yan Yek, 100, Wanchai Road, for the sum of \$800, being the balance said to be due to plaintiff from the defendant under an agreement dated 1 September, 1915, in the Summary Court before Mr. Justice Gompertz, this morning.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for plaintiff and Mr. Gardiner represented the defendant. Mr. Otto Kong Sing said the plaintiff was a property broker, and, at the request of the plaintiff, he undertook a commission to sell for the defendant, who was a property broker, two houses in Wanchai Road at a fixed price of \$22,000 each. In the agreement it was stated that if there were any surplus, over the \$2,000. That should be his. The order was only for two weeks. The plaintiff in the time found a purchaser for \$23,000. Ultimately another broker was called in, and he received his commission. The case was adjourned until to-morrow.

## Coolie Collector Charged.

A coolie employed by a Kowloon ricksha contractor to collect money from ricksha-pullers was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with absconding with \$10.60. Inspector Gordon stated that there was one collector for every ten pullers, and another man to look after every ten collectors. The accused was remanded on bail of \$250.

## NAVAL DOCKYARD.

## POLICE.

## Last Night's Smoking Concert.

A most enjoyable smoking concert was held last evening by the members of the Royal Naval Dockyard Police Mess, a good attendance gathering under the chairmanship of Inspector Churcher. The programme, which had again been arranged by Mr. W. Ward, was well sustained, several of the contributions being enjoyed.

During the evening the presentation of prizes won in the recent Billiard Handicap took place, the following being the successful competitors:—

1. (Silver Cup).—Sergeant Small, K.S.L.I.
  2. (Wrist watch).—Quartermaster O. Adams, H.M.S. Tamar.
  3. (Silver mounted hair brush).—Mr. Canney, Naval Yard.
  4. (Silver mounted hair brush).—Sick Bay Steward Elery.
- Highest Break for non-prize winners.—Mr. Barnes, Naval Yard.

Highest score (cocoa).—Mr. Haigh, Sanitary Department. Booby Prize. C.P.O. Hinton H.M.S. Tamar.

Those who contributed to the programme were:—Messrs. Thomas and White (bango solo), Lance Corporal White (violin solo and songs), Mr. Lingfield (step dance and song), and Messrs. Hixley, Moss, Mackenzie, Ward, Percin, Canney and Williams (songs). Mr. Dunn gave two excellent recitations. The accompaniments were played by Mr. Lowden.

## FOOTBALL.

Staff and Departmentals v. Diocesan School.

The Staff had an easy win in their match against the Diocesan for Second Division League honours on the Naval ground yesterday afternoon. From the start, the soldiers pressed, and the school's defence was practically helpless against the fine combination shown by the soldiers, who seemed to do what they pleased with the leather, and soon the net was found. The school then tried hard, Ramjohn and Arculli doing some good work but they were not able to penetrate the soldiers' defence, and the leather was once more sent to the school's territory where another goal was registered, while a third came a little before the half-time whistle. In the second moiety, the school was strengthened by another player, the team playing one man short throughout the first half. This proved a little to their advantage and a better show was made, but still the soldiers were too strong and a fourth goal was soon registered. The play which followed was very even, the school making further time which were, as usual, easily checked by the soldiers' defence. The leather was again sent into the school territory, where several off-sides were given against the school, but these seemed of no particular value. A fifth goal soon came, and the school then tried hard for a further score, but the final whistle found them winners by five goals to love, Davies being responsible for no less than three.

## THE EXTRADITION CASE.

## Appeal Under Habeas Corpus.

To-morrow morning the Chief Justice and the Paines Judges will deliver judgment at the Full Court in the case of the appeal of Hung Shui-lung, who is seeking his release under Habeas Corpus in the extradition proceedings which have been occupying the attention of the Full Court for some time past. The Attorney General (Mr. J. H. Kemp), Mr. E. H. Sharpe, K.C., and Mr. P. O. Jenkin, appear for the Government. Mr. E. H. Sharpe, K.C., is representing the defence.



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tea-pots, Gibraltar, 2 cases silk  
goods; Barcelona, 5 cases silk  
goods; 1 case woodware; Milan, 1  
bale waste silk; Marseilles, 61  
bales raw silk, 200 bales waste  
143 half-ounce tea; Port Said, 1  
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Ship's Engineer's Quarrel.  
Sydney Nov. 10.—When the  
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engineers in connection with the  
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board for the engine-room staff.  
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stream, where she anchored, and  
at a late hour it was announced  
that the matter had been satis-  
factorily settled. The Asia pro-  
ceeded to sea during the evening  
after a delay of several hours.

China Coast Gazette.  
Mr. R. G. S. Barrall, chief  
officer, Quanta, has resigned.  
Mr. J. B. B. Barrall, second officer,  
Packing, is on leave.  
Mr. G. E. Sawyer, from leave,  
has gone second officer, Packing.  
Mr. W. J. Andrews has been  
appointed second officer, Anhai.  
Mr. W. A. Dean, second officer,  
Poyang, has gone second officer,  
Shanghai.

Captain Dillon, of the Packing,  
is on leave.  
Captain Purcell, of the Wen-  
chow, has gone master, Packing.  
Mr. D. H. Martin, chief officer,  
Yingchow, has gone acting mas-  
ter, Wenchow.

Mr. D. T. James, second officer,  
Yingchow, has gone acting chief  
officer, same ship.  
Mr. E. Johnson has been ap-  
pointed second officer, Yingchow.  
Capt. H. S. Malkin, of the Foo-  
sang, has gone master, Fanning.  
Mr. F. C. Purkins, acting  
master, Fausang, has gone chief  
officer, same ship.

Mr. F. L. Heston, from reserve,  
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Captain T. H. Lehman, from  
leave, has gone master, Wingang.  
Mr. F. E. Jarrett, acting mas-  
ter, Wingang, has gone chief  
officer, Fooking.

Mr. A. Cobb, chief officer,  
Fooking, has gone chief officer,  
Fooking.  
Mr. A. M. Short, from reserve,  
has gone supernumerary second  
officer, Fooking.

Mr. D. R. Kibbe has been ap-  
pointed second officer, Chipping.  
Mr. M. del Pan has been ap-  
pointed second officer, Yamsang.  
Mr. H. Ward, third officer,  
Yamsang, has gone third officer,  
Hinsang.

Mr. P. W. Matthews, from re-  
serve, has gone acting chief  
officer, Cheongching.  
Mr. Field-Hook, chief officer,  
Cheongching, is on leave.  
Mr. W. F. Foster, from reserve,  
has gone chief officer, Suising.  
Mr. D. Skinner, chief officer,  
Suising, is on leave.

Mr. W. C. Johnson, chief  
officer, Takang, is on leave.  
Mr. J. J. Hunt, second officer,  
Hopang, has gone supernumerary  
second officer, Yamsang.  
Mr. R. G. S. Barrall has been  
appointed third officer, Kashan.

Mr. A. W. Hall has been  
appointed chief officer, Hong Moh.  
Mr. G. Lewis has been ap-  
pointed third officer, Hong Moh.  
Mr. D. S. Harvey, chief officer,  
Hye Leong, has resigned.  
Mr. J. M. Mackay, second  
officer, Hye Leong, has resigned.  
Mr. A. Sorenson has been ap-  
pointed boatswain, Kanchow.  
Mr. G. W. Ellis, chief officer,  
Barrumbet, has resigned.

Mr. A. A. Birnie has been ap-  
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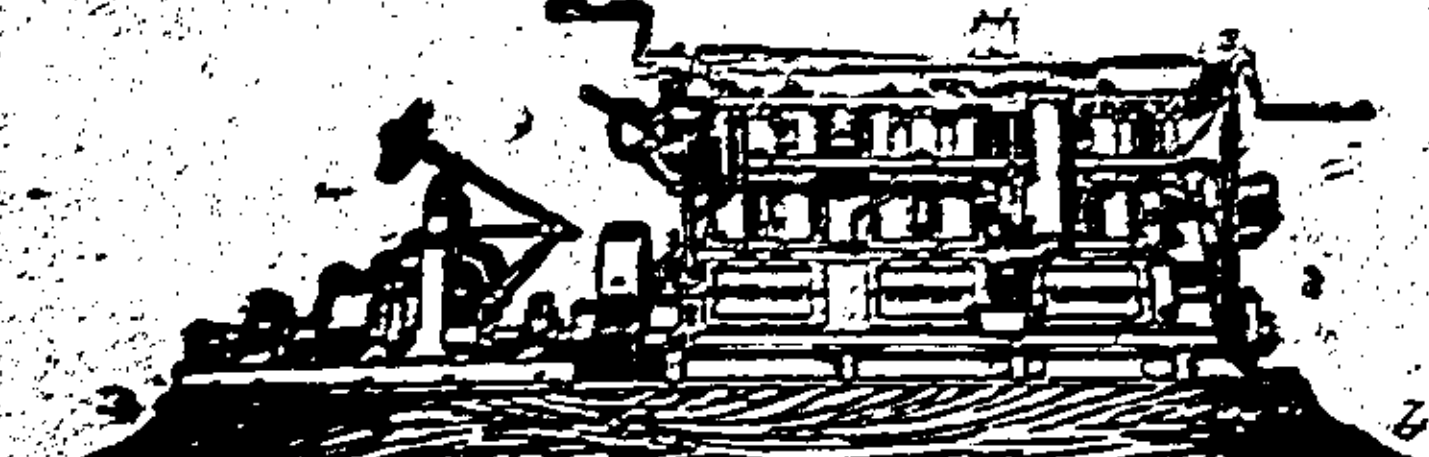
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Shanghai	Hopsang	J. M. Co.	25, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Colombo	M. N. Y. K.	25, Dec.
Singapore, Calcutta etc.	Kaga M.	N. Y. K.	25, Dec.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Tean	B. & S.	28, Dec.
Batavia	Tjitroem	J.C.J.L.	28, Dec.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haimun	D. L. Co.	28, Dec.
Singapore	Foohsing	J. M. Co.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Tjikembang	J.C.J.L.	29, Dec.
Singapore via Amoy & Swatow	S. Jacob	J.C.J.L.	30, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe & Moji	Namsang	J. M. Co.	30, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Porikos	P. Thomas	31, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Atsuta M.	N. Y. K.	31, Dec.
Singapore	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	31, Dec.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	31, Dec.
Sandakan	Mausang	J. M. Co.	31, Dec.
Singapore & Bombay	Penang M.	N. Y. K.	3, Jan.
Batavia	Tjisondari	J.C.J.L.	3, Jan.
Belawan Deli (Medan)	Van S.	J.C.J.L.	4, Jan.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Ytham	Nellore	P. & O.	7, Jan.
Kobe	Tjisondari	J.C.J.L.	9, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Hitachi M.	N. Y. K.	14, Jan.
Mauritius and South African Ports	Salamis	B. L. L.	25, Jan.

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The C. P. R. M. EMPRESS OF JAPAN will sail for Hongkong on Friday the 10th Dec. at 2 p.m. due to arrive Vancouver on the 22nd December.

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The I. C. S. N. M. YUMKANG, for Manila leave for Cebu to-morrow morning the 24th December.

## VESSELS IN PORT.

## Steamers.

Standard, Am. M. 894, O. Johansen, 15th Dec.—Saigon, Rangoon—T. &amp; Co.

Kashing, Br. M. 1143, Bogen, 14th Dec.—Shanghai, 10th Dec. Gen.—Order.

Telamachin, Br. M. 1340, A. Fraser, 16th Dec.—Saigon, 17th Dec. Gen.—Chikama.

Fanning, Br. M. 1408, H. S. Malkin, 17th Dec.—Saigon, 10th Dec. Gen.—J. M. &amp; Co.

Fakhoi, Br. M. 1322, A. Tucker, 17th Dec.—Amoy, 15th Dec. Gen.—B. &amp; S.

Middleham Castle, Br. M. 29, G. Griffiths, 18th Dec.—Singapore, 10th Dec. Ballast—D. &amp; Co.

Hongkong, Br. M. 732, A. Marguerite, 18th Dec.—Haiphong, 16th Dec. Gen.—A. R. Marty.

Tungus, Br. M. 1183, J. W. Evans, 22nd Dec.—Swatow, 21st Dec. Gen.—D. L. &amp; Co.

Hudra, Br. M. 1143, Wm. McDonald, 23rd Dec.—Weihai, 15th Dec. Rize—B. &amp; S.

Saiyo Maru, Jap. M. 6362, W. G. T. S. Filmer, 21st Dec.—San Francisco, 20th Nov. Gen.—T. K. K.

Yuen-sang, Br. M. 1755, W. M. Munn, 21st Dec.—Manila, 18th Dec. Gen.—J. M. &amp; Co.

Haitan, Br. M. 1183, J. W. Evans, 22nd Dec.—Swatow, 21st Dec. Gen.—D. L. &amp; Co.

Tungus, Br. M. 1177, Hunsley, 21st Dec.—Saigon, 15th Dec. Gen.—J. M. &amp; Co.

Daijin Maru, Jap. M. 1075, J. Saito, 22nd Dec.—Swatow, 21st Dec. Gen.—O.S.K.

## VESSELS DUE.

Agency.	Vessel's Name.	Tonnage.	Date Due.	From
J. M. & Co.	Mausang		Dec. 23	Sandakan
J. M. & Co.	Cheongshing		Dec. 23	Weihaiwei
B. & S.	Hyson	6,608	Dec. 23	London
B. & S.	Pizam	4,543	Dec. 24	Liverpool
J.C.J.L.	Tjikembang		Dec. 24	Java
N. Y. K.	Kaga Maru	12,000	Dec. 24	Yokohama
J. M. & Co.	Namsang		Dec. 25	Singapore
J.C.J.L.	Tjitroem		Dec. 25	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru	16,000	Dec. 27	London
N. Y. K.	Kashima Maru	21,000	Dec. 29	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin		Dec. 29	Yokohama
J.C.J.L.	Tjikembang	7,335	Dec. 29	Batavia
B. & S.	Heleneus		Dec. 31	London
J.C.J.L.	Tjitroem		Dec. 31	Amoy
S. T. & Co.	Kathlambe	4,104	1. Dec.	New York
P. & O.	Nellore		Jan. 1	London
N. Y. K.	Penang Maru	8,000	Jan. 1	Yokohama
J. M. & Co.	Kutsang		Jan. 1	Calcutta
N. Y. K.	Sado Maru	6,327	Jan. 2	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir		Jan. 4	Yokohama
J.C.J.L.	Tjisondari		Jan. 4	Yokohama
B. & S.	Knight Companion	7,453	Jan. 7	London
J.C.J.L.	Arakan		Jan. 7	Java
G. L. & Co.	Eastern	3,586	Jan. 7	Australia
T. K. K.	Persia Maru	9,003	Jan. 9	San Francisco
P. & O.	Wenara		Jan. 9	London
N. Y. K.	Hitachi Maru	6,557	Jan. 13	Australia
N. Y. K.	Novara		Jan. 13	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Nikko Maru	9,600	Jan. 13	Yokohama
T. K. K.	Chiyo Maru	22,000	Jan. 14	San Francisco
P. & O.	Sardinia	6,774	Jan. 15	London
B. & S.	Changsha	2,269	Jan. 16	Australia
N. Y. K.	Awa Maru	6,309	Jan. 16	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Shidzuoka Maru		Jan. 21	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Suwa Maru	21,070	Jan. 25	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir		Jan. 27	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nellore		Jan. 28	Yokohama
P. & O.	Namur	6,694	Jan. 29	Yokohama
G. L. & Co.	Aldenharn	3,808	Jan. 30	London
P. & O.	Nore		Feb. 5	London
J.C.J.L.	Tjisondari		Feb. 7	Java
T. K. K.	Tenyo Maru	22,000	Feb. 7	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru		Feb. 9	Yokohama
P. & O.	Sardinia	6,574	Feb. 11	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Nankin		Feb. 12	London
P. & O.	Ati Maru		Feb. 13	Seattle
N. Y. K.	Mongara		Feb. 14	Yokohama
J.C.J.L.	Tango Maru		Feb. 16	Australia
J.C.J.L.	Karimoon		Mar. 7	Java
J.C.J.L.	Tjikembang		Apr. 7	Java

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No. 2 Dock, Kowloon	100	16	10	10	10	10
No. 3 Dock, Kowloon	100	16	10	10	10	10
No. 4 Dock, Kowloon	100	16	10	10	10	10
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No. 6 Dock, Kowloon	100	16	10	10	10	10
<b>HONG KONG</b>						
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ANNECSES						
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# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

## EXTRA

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1915

### TO-DAYS LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph.")

#### THE GERMANS IN AMERICA.

##### RUBBER SMUGGLING INTO GERMANY.

December 22, 3.50 a.m.  
Elaborate schemes to smuggle rubber into Germany from America have lately been revealed. Reuter's New York correspondent says that the seizure of 3,500 lbs. of raw rubber, which was about to be shipped without declaration, had its sequel in the revelation of a fresh endeavour to send large quantities in the personal luggage of women agents travelling to Holland.

Confessions made to the Federal authorities show that a regular procession of women travellers was to have proceeded to Europe, each taking a quantity of rubber. A German agent at Rotterdam had arranged for the forwarding of it to Germany.

#### THE FOMENTING OF STRIKES.

December 22, 4.50 a.m.  
Mr. Samuel Gompers, president of the National Labour Union in America, has testified before the Federal Grand Jury that what he has seen in the way of the fomenting of strikes is not only morally wrong, but exceedingly likely to lead America into war.

#### THE ARREST OF A DUTCH EDITOR.

December 22, 4.50 a.m.  
Meinheer Schroeder, Editor of the *Telegraaf*, who was arrested on December 14, has been released.

#### ARMY CHANGES.

##### THE HIGHER COMMANDS.

December 22, 6.20 p.m.  
The War Office announces that General Munro succeeds General Sir Douglas Haig in command of the First Army in France and General Sir Archibald Murray succeeds General Munro, while General Sir William Robertson, the new Chief of the Imperial Staff, has the temporary rank of General, with Major-General B. Whigham as his deputy; also that Major-General Kiggell, Assistant Chief of the General Staff, becomes Chief of Staff to Sir Douglas Haig.

#### THE PARLIAMENTARY BILL.

December 22, 6.55 p.m.  
The Parliament Bill, providing for an extension in the life of the present Parliament, has been read a third time without a division.

#### THE KAISER INDISPOSED.

December 22, 6.55 p.m.  
According to a message from Amsterdam, an official statement issued in Berlin says the Kaiser has postponed his journey to the Western front owing to the fact that he is suffering from a slight inflammation of the cellular tissue, which confines him to his room.

#### ANOTHER EXPLOSION IN GERMANY.

##### HUGE DAMAGE CAUSED.

December 22, 6.20 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that there has been a great explosion at the Munster munition works in Westphalia. Huge damage has been caused to the town, and the railways are interrupted.

##### 300 WOMEN KILLED.

December 22, 9.30 p.m.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that 300 women were killed out of 600 employed at the Munster munition factory.

#### THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

##### ANOTHER GERMAN ADMISSION.

December 22, 6.20 p.m.  
A Berlin communiqué admits an important French success in the capturing of the ridge of Hartmannswillerkopf and other positions, fighting being carried on in face of a driving snow.

#### THE FREIGHT MARKET.

##### THE "TIMES" ON THE OUTLOOK.

December 21, 1.30 p.m.  
The *Times* thinks that freights may go still higher if the Government's present heavy demands on the mercantile marine recur. Regular lines are daily refusing offers of freight, and the *Times* estimates that the total amount of British shipping now in Government service is equal to the whole German shipping before the war. The profits of British owners are enormous, though less than what neutrals are making. However, the withdrawal from Gallipoli should relieve the situation, which is so acute that the Government cannot ignore it.

#### AMERICAN SECURITIES.

December 21, 1.30 p.m.  
The House of Commons has passed the third reading of the Bill concerning American securities.

#### THE RELEASE OF DE WET.

December 21, 1.30 p.m.  
The release of De Wet and his followers has created a favourable impression in Holland, where the British policy of magnanimity is contrasted with German methods.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon in the Council Chamber, H.E. the Governor presiding. There were present—

H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General F. Ventris).  
The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Colonial Secretary.  
The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Attorney General.  
The Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Colonial Treasurer.  
The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Director of Public Works.  
The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs.  
The Hon. the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. C. McI. Messer).

The Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G., The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., The Hon. Mr. E. Shalloo, The Hon. Mr. David Landale, The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Clerk to the Council.

##### Valuation of Tenements.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved the following resolution:—"It is hereby resolved that the percentages in the valuations of the tenements in the unmentioned places be altered as follows with effect from the 1st of January, 1916:—Taikokwai, from 1½ per cent. to 13½ per cent.; Hok On and Kowloon City Road to the North as far as and including Kowloon Island Lot 1150 and Kowloon Marine Lot 67, from 1½ per cent. to 13½ per cent."

The Hon. Colonial Treasurer seconded and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Pollock's Questions.  
The Hon. Mr. Pollock put the following questions standing in his name:—

1. What steps is the Government or His Excellency the Governor taking to fill up the place of the late Mr. Hewett on the Executive Council?

2. Is it not the fact that I was a Member of the Executive Council, as Acting Attorney General, for periods of time amounting to nearly 3 years, and is it not the fact that I acted in addition as an Unofficial Member of that Council during the last absence on leave in Europe of Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Hewett respectively, in the years 1911 and 1912?

3. Has the Government or has His Excellency the Governor sent any Despatch, and, if so, when, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies recommending any, and, if so, what person as successor to Mr. Hewett on the Executive Council?

4. If any such Despatch has been addressed to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has the Right Honourable the Secretary of State been informed in such Despatch of the facts referred to in the above question 2? Will the Government lay such Despatch (if any) upon the table of this Council?

5. Will the Government recommend to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the two Unofficial Members of the Executive Council shall be elected Members, instead of being nominated by the Government?

6. Will the Government recommend to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies that all the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council shall be elected, instead of two-thirds of them being nominated by the Government, and also that the number of Unofficial Members in that Council be increased?

#### HARBOUR OFFENCES.

Before Commander C. W. B. With, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, Police Sergeant George Jackson charged Ho Kam-shing, master of the steam launch *Fund*, with unlawfully carrying on board his vessel 21 passengers in excess of the number allowed by his license on the 15th inst.

Defendant pleaded guilty. Police Sergeant Jackson stated that at 9.35 a.m. on the 15th inst., he was on duty in Police Launch No. 4 when he saw the steam launch *Fund* towing a junk of the Ninopins. He saw, stopped, boarded the launch and inspected the passenger licence and counted the passengers on board. There were 21 persons on board. She was only allowed 70. Defendant pleaded that he counted the passengers before leaving Hongkong.

His Worship:—This is the seventh offence recorded, and I fine the defendant \$150, or, in default, two months' hard labour.

Police Sergeant A. Constand (Reserve) charged Ng Lin-sing, boatmaster, with unlawfully being under way during prohibited hours on the 22nd inst. Defendant was fined \$25.

Lau Hing, coxswain on board Police Launch No. 10, charged Fok Cha, boatmaster, with unlawfully failing to observe the rule of the road in the Harbour on the 19th inst. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

Royal Instructions, which form part of the Constitution of the Colony, appointments to that Council are reserved as the sole prerogative of the Crown, and on me as the representative in the Colony of His Most Gracious Majesty the King devolves the sole responsibility of humbly submitting through the Secretary of State for the Colonies for His Majesty's consideration recommendations for such appointments. I am therefore not prepared to permit myself to be catechised as to what action I have taken or shall take to requit myself of my heavy responsibility. But I can assure the Honourable Member in whose name the questions stand that his services to the Colonial Government, which none appreciate more than I do, have not been, and will not be, lost sight of.

The last two questions relate to an alteration of the Constitution of the Colony. The suggestions made do not commend themselves to my judgment and the reason in my opinion is strongly out of joint for even the discussion of such questions since the energies both of the Colonial and of the Imperial Governments are at present concentrated on the internecine struggle in which well nigh the whole world is now engaged.

Interned Prisoners.  
The Hon. Mr. Holyoak asked the following question:—"With reference to a Reuter's telegram published in the *Daily Press* of the 16th December in which it is stated that 'In the House of Commons, Mr. Balfour Law said the question of the desirability of removing alien enemies interned in Hongkong was being considered most carefully, and the Secretary of State was corresponding telegraphically with Hongkong on the subject,' will the Government, for the information of this Council, lay upon the table of this Council the telegrams and despatches which have passed to and fro between the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies and this Government, or His Excellency the Governor, upon this subject?"

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied as follows:—"The correspondence with the Secretary of State for the Colonies on this subject, which is still under consideration, is confidential, and has not yet reached the stage when its purport can be published."

#### THE YASAKA MARU.

##### Feared Loss at Sea.

##### HONGKONG RESIDENTS REACH PORT SAID.

Telegrams have been received in the Colony to-day which appear to indicate that the N.Y.K. steamer *Yasaka Maru*, bound from London to the Far East, has been lost at sea. The local office of the Company, when approached on the matter, informed us that it had received no official intimation of the loss of the ship, but from outside information it had reason to fear that the report was true.

The telegrams which have given rise to the rumour that the vessel has been sunk are from local residents who are returning East on the *Yasaka Maru*. Two of these telegrams request relatives to forward money, and one speaks of the sender having arrived safely at Port Said but which is "All gone down."

The *Yasaka Maru*, which is one of the three biggest boats owned by the N.Y.K., (her displacement being 22,000 tons) left London on the 7th inst. and passed Gibraltar on the 12th. Among the Hongkong passengers on board were Mr. L. N. Lee, Mr. L. Scott, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. L. Lacroix, Mrs. V. J. Tarrant, Miss H. Tarrant, and Mrs. Sutherland.

The N.Y.K. Office in Hongkong has telegraphed to Tokyo to ascertain whether the Head Office has any information on the matter. Mr. H. Percy Smith, of the firm of Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, has received a telegram to-day from his partner, Mr. John Hennessy, Seth, to say that he is safe at Port Said.

Mr. Seth and his family were passengers by the *Yasaka Maru*.

Confirmation.  
Since the above was written, the local office of the N.Y.K. informs us of the receipt of the following telegram dated December 22 from the London office of the Company:—

"Much regret inform you *Yasaka Maru* sunk yesterday. Will we immediately receive definite news passengers crew."

We since learn from a reliable source that the passengers are all safe.

#### POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—

General Order No. 22 states:—"P. O. Ng Kun Gee and P. O. Chan Hung of the Police Reserve are recommended by the Captain Superintendent of Police for intelligent action in effecting the arrest of a snatcher in Queen's Road Central on the 11th inst."

Parades, 5.30 p.m.  
Monday, January 3rd—Whole of No. 3 Company.  
Tuesday, January 4th—Whole of No. 1 Company.

Wednesday, January 5th—Whole of No. 2 Company.  
Police Regulation Books.  
Copies of the Hongkong Police Regulation Books will be issued to Staff and Company Inspectors on personal application at this office.

Transit.  
Members of the Police Reserve are warned that in exercising the privilege of travelling free on the cars of the Hongkong Tramway Co., they must on no account board or travel on a car the regulation seating accommodation on which is already occupied, or travel on the steps or driver's platform. To do so is a breach of the Co's By-Laws, in the enforcement of which the Police are required to assist.

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This firm also carries a large stock of pianoforte albums and sheet music, including pieces by such well-known composers as Schmitt, Chaminade, Liszt, Poldini, York Bowen, Moszkowski, Bendel, Sibelius, Debussy, Arnsky, Borodin and Tchaikowsky; also a small amount of organ music by Lamare, Bach, Mendelssohn and other writers. From this it will be seen that the stock of the Anderson Music Company is well above the average, and those who want really high-class songs and pieces, out of the ordinary, will find it worth while paying this firm a visit.

#### MR. HENRY FORD AND THE ALLIES.

The following is from the *Motor* of November 5:—

There has been great publicity given to the reported statements made by Mr. Henry Ford, of the Ford Motor Co., Detroit, regarding the British war loan, at New York. When I read it I felt convinced in my own mind that, although Mr. Henry Ford was a well-known pacifist, he had been misrepresented, for his sympathies lie with us, although he strongly objects to war and everything to do with war. He has, through the Ford Motor Co. (England), Ltd., supplied our Government with large numbers of Ford ambulances, and I understand has taken every precaution to see that Ford cars do not reach Germany either directly or indirectly. The following cutting from the *Daily Telegraph*, 23rd October, will be of interest, and should be as widely reported, as the previous reported interview:—

"From our own Correspondent (Montreal).  
"Mr. Ford promptly subscribed \$10,000 to the Canadian Red Cross, and has now authorized the manager of the Canadian company to announce that he will subscribe the first \$1,000,000 of any Canadian war loan. In making this announcement Mr. Ford declared he was heart and soul with the Canadians and that all his sympathies were pro-Allied."  
HAROLD PERCY.

#### A CHRISTMAS GATHERING.

##### Toys for the Children of the R.E. and A.S.C.

The soldiers connected with the R.E. and A.S. Corps were provided with an excellent Christmas tea and social last evening. At four o'clock tea was partaken of, and later an entertainment was made to the social hall, which was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting. Here also was a large Christmas tree which had been procured from Stonecutters, and this was growing under the weight of a wealth of toys which had been brought from England by the officers of the corps as Christmas presents for the children. Those responsible for the decorations on the tree were:—Mrs. Milner-Jones, Mrs. Carter, Miss Leammert, Colonel Darling, Captain Fordham, Captain Carter, Lieut. Wahl and Captain Milner-Jones. The part of Father Christmas was splendidly enacted by Colonel Darling, who dressed for the part and caused much amusement amongst the youngsters. He also distributed the toys to them. Games were played and the men had erected a "Shoot the shoot," which was well patronized by all. There were also swings, and other contraptions for the children. Later, a cinematograph show was provided under the direction of Mr. Blake, of the Victoria Theatre, and an excellent programme of comic films was gone through. A first-class band played during the showing of the pictures, the musicians being Corporal Perrin, piano; Corporal Jenkin, violin; and Sergeant Major White, piccolo. Altogether the function was one of the most enjoyable those present had ever spent.

#### ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

"First aid to the Wounded."  
At an examination in "First Aid to the Wounded," conducted recently by Dr. W. V. M. Koch, the following ladies who attended a class taught by Sergeant Major Black at Quarry Bay, were successful in qualifying for a certificate:—Mrs. Jean Chapman, Mrs. Agnes Margaret Delahay, Mrs. Mary Dickson, Mrs. Aislinn Hill, Miss Jessie McNeill, Miss Winifred McNeill, and Mrs. Mabel Strain.  
In his report the Examiner (Dr. Koch) states that although the questions asked were wider than actually required, all the candidates showed an excellent knowledge of the subject and displayed great interest in the work.

#### LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Memor. Wright and Horley advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:—

Dec.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	5,226

Total to 22nd inst. 5,226  
Daily average 145.4



# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

## SECOND EXTRA

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23 1915.

### TO-DAYS LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

#### THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

##### TWELVE HUNDRED GERMAN PRISONERS.

December 22, 5.20 p.m.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, the communiqué says that yesterday's attack enabled the French to extend their positions on the slopes east of Hartmannswillerkopf, and 1,200 Germans have now been taken prisoners.

#### THE MESOPOTAMIAN CAMPAIGN.

##### OUR TOTAL CASUALTIES.

December 22, 5.20 p.m.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain stated that the casualties in Mesopotamia up to the 18th inst. were 1,127, including 200 dead, of whom 49 died from disease.  
General Nixon was not at Kut-el-Amara. General Townshend yesterday reported that the night was quiet.

#### SHANGHAI BOMB OUTRAGE.

Second Attempt on "Asiatic Daily News" Office.

As stated in the *Telegraph's* Shanghai correspondent's wire of Monday, the offices of the *Asiatic Daily News*, Shanghai, which were the object of a dastardly outrage on September 11, of this year with tragic results, were the scene of another outrage on December 18—fortunately, on this occasion, with no loss of life. Shortly before 9 p.m. says the *N. C. Daily News*, the Sikh policeman on duty in Shantung Road, heard a loud report, followed by the shattering of glass. At the time he was treading his feet almost immediately beneath the verandah of the premises occupied by the *Asiatic Daily News*, and the Central Police Station was at once notified.

All that could be ascertained was to the effect that the explosion had been caused by a bomb, presumably dropped from an upper window of the premises on to the verandah of the first floor. Upwards of eight windows and shutters were shattered, and had the editor and manager been seated at their desks there would undoubtedly have been loss of life, or severe injuries.

As it happened, the explosion occurred at a time when there was no-one in the vicinity of the verandah and consequently there was no-one killed or injured.

Later a Chinese was charged with being concerned in the bomb attack.

Mr. K. E. Newman appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Munro watched the case on behalf of the Chinese Government.

Mr. Newman said that the man had already been charged with being in unlawful possession of a Municipal Police pistol. At the hearing of that case evidence had been given of the finding of a paper upon the defendant relating to a certain change of government and what was to be done when the change took place. In a statement the defendant had admitted being a prominent revolutionary, and had been in receipt of money from Japan. He admitted that he was a member of the Tung Meng-hui, but denied that he had anything to do with the bomb case.

Evidence was given in support of the charge by a Chinese in custody in connection with the affair, and Mr. Grant Jones in delivering judgment said—

#### UP TO THE MINUTE.

Closing prices.  
Cement—\$19.70, buyers.  
Indos.—\$165, buyers.  
Sugars.—\$127½, buyers.  
Doughs.—\$10½, buyers.

The Salamis.  
According to wireless information, the s.s. Salamis, bound from the Cape to Hongkong via Mauritius, has had a breakdown, as a result of which she will not reach port until to-morrow. She was due here on Monday last. She was two days ahead of time at Singapore, but encountered bad weather off the Paracels and developed engine trouble, which reduced her speed to six knots.

I wish to say at once, in order that people in this Settlement may clearly understand the position of the Court, that if this person were a resident of the International Settlement we should hand him over to the Chinese Authorities on his own admission, or, if he had not made this admission, on our evidence which showed to our satisfaction that there was reasonable ground to associate him criminally with the movements of the revolutionary party. But this man is not a resident of the Settlement: he has been handed over to us by the French Authorities and the question before the Court is whether the prisoner is guilty of the charge preferred against him, the charge of conspiring to explode a bomb on the premises of the *Asiatic Daily News*. If we do not find him guilty of that charge, it will plainly be our duty to restore him to the custody of the French Police. We do, however, find him guilty, and in accordance with the rule which we have made that where a person is charged with a breach, within the jurisdiction, of the criminal law of this country, he may, if the Court thinks fit in the interests of justice and after a *prima facie* case has been established against him, be handed over to the proper Chinese Authorities for trial, we now direct that he be so delivered up to the Authorities at the Arsenal. The prisoner is to be taken, in the custody of an officer of this Court, to the French Authorities for completion of their record, and on his return the order of rendition is to be carried out.

#### SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. A. L. Anderson & Co.'s Weekly Share Circular (Shanghai, December 18) is as under—

There has been less business doing during the past week, and this is due to the shadow of the approaching settlement, which while of no great dimensions, owing to the fact that the majority of members still refuse "forward" orders, is of sufficient magnitude to make the "market" "cast before," 1½ in the market. This, much more than the slight fall in London prices is the reason for the easier situation in Shanghai, where buying orders are being held over in hopes of bargain-prices. The weakness in Cottons, long foretold in previous issues, is more apparent, and—"Long foretold, long last." General Securities have not evinced any feature calling for comment. To-day's opening rate for T/T on London was 2/6½; the dollar rate being 73.

Debentures.—The French Municipal Loan noticed last week, closed on 15th inst. but, so far, no allotments have been published. The drop in exchange is in favour of this market, but while a few buying orders come to hand, no general interest is shown.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's interest has been evinced and one \$825 leaves the price nominal. Cathays. A sale was recorded at 2.30 for ordinary, and probably more shares could be placed at this, but the combined shares offer at 9½.

Marine Insurance.—A somewhat easier feeling all round. North China, after sales at 182½, offer at 181 with private sales at 180. Yangtze's are still on the market at \$280, and Unions and Cantons are seeking buyers at quotation.

Mining.—Chinese Engineering. The meeting was held in London yesterday, when accounts slightly better than last year were submitted and a final of 5 per cent (making 10 per cent for the year) was passed. Philippines have ruled easier and 3½ fails to attract buyers.

Wharves and Godowns.—In fear of less favourable accounts than last year Hongkong's offered throughout the week and a sale at 92½ still left the market in the hands of sellers.

Land and Hotels.—Anglo-French are still wanted at 104½. Investments sold at 107 and close nominal. Centrals have buyers at \$6½ without business being reported.

Cotton.—The two meetings were held on 18th inst. in his speech the Chairman said: "I regret to say that since the end of August trade generally in yarn and cloth has left a great deal to be desired, and at the moment the future outlook is causing our General Managers grave concern, so much so that it may be found necessary to resort to short time"—"the growth in the districts surrounding Shanghai was a partial failure and indications point to the local mills having to import large quantities of foreign cotton"—"Owing to a small crop in America, cotton prices the world over are high, but I do not think we can reasonably anticipate any relief in the cost of our raw material in the near future."

Rubbers.—The forward demand in the London produce market keeps very firm, and we hear of several companies having concluded bargains in their produce for next year's delivery at prices sufficient to guarantee satisfactory accounts for a year hence. Senawangs. A third instalment of 10 per cent. has been declared, payable on 17th proximo.

Miscellaneous.—No changes worthy of note. Constructions still in demand at 90½, Telephone steady at 98, but Gas weak at 32½.

#### THE MURDER OF ADMIRAL TSENG.

Alleged Accomplices Wanted by Chinese.

At Shanghai last Friday at the Mixed Court, Mr. Fessenden mentioned the case of a Chinese who was held by the police on an allegation of complicity in the assassination of Admiral Tseng.

Mr. E. E. Newman appeared for the police and Mr. G. Munro for the Chinese Government.

Mr. Fessenden said that according to his information his client was in the custody of the French Police under suspicion of being connected with the bomb case. The matter had been investigated by the Police and he understood that there was no charge against him.

Mr. Munro, in answer to a question by the Assessor, said that if the Police did not want to charge the man the Government did. They would charge him with complicity in the murder of Admiral Tseng.

Mr. Fessenden said that by some arrangement, the details of which he did not know, his client was in the custody of the French Police and about to be released, when he was handed over to the Municipal Police. Investigations were made by the Police Department and sufficient evidence was not found by them to warrant a charge being brought against him. The position was, now, that the prisoner was being held upon an undertaking that if the Municipal Police did not want him he should be handed back to the French Police. He claimed that a charge should be preferred against the man, or he should be handed back.

The Assessor.—If the charge is one of complicity in the murder of Admiral Tseng then the proper venue for the trial is here. If counsel for the Police and the Chinese Government would agree between themselves then the Court would know what to do.

Mr. Munro said that he wished to prefer a charge and agreed to let Mr. Fessenden have a copy of it by to-day.

On this understanding the case was adjourned.

#### VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D., state—

Joined.  
Gunner F. G. Samways joined the Corps on 22. 12. 15, allotted Corps No. 1851 and posted to No. 2 Section Artillery Battery.

Leave.  
Pte. A. M. Coats is granted leave of absence from 23.12.15 to 13.1.16.

Parades.  
Parade for Friday, 24th instant Nil.

Civil Service Company.  
In future the Civil Service Co. will parade at 5.15 p.m. at Headquarters on Wednesday (instead of Tuesday) commencing on Wednesday 29th inst. All existing exemptions from the weekly parade are hereby cancelled. The undermentioned members have been appointed to the Company: Shooting Committee. Sergt. Bullock, Corp. Vergette, LeOpt. Edmonds, LeOpt. Clarke, Pte. Douglas and Pte. Ralston. The first meeting of the Committee will be held after parade on Wednesday 29th inst.

Detail.  
Gun Club Hill, Kowloon.—On duty until morning of 26th instant.—H. K. V. R.  
P. of W. Camp, Kowloon.—On duty until morning of 26th instant.—H. K. V. R.

#### THE LATE SIR THOMAS JACKSON.

Tribute by His Excellency.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon, His Excellency the Governor said—We meet here to-day under the shadow cast by one of the great dead, upon the institution upon which he served so nobly, upon the Colony of which he was the greatest citizen it has ever possessed, and upon the hearts of the many friends in every station of life who had the privilege of his acquaintance. Sir Thomas Jackson, with the brilliant abilities by which the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was raised under his care from small beginnings to the splendid position it now occupies in the financial world, combined a kindness of heart which endeared him to all who came in contact with him. He was the unofficial adviser of successive Governors of this Colony, and in his generosity he dispensed his counsel to all who cared to ask for it.

In my younger days I have more than once had recourse, not in vain, to that fountain of wisdom. He was in very truth a man of crystal mind, pure and innocent of guile as that of a child and of a heart of pure gold. His friendship was indeed a priceless gift from heaven for those who were honoured by it. I beg to move the following resolution:—That this Council desires to place on record its deep sorrow at the death of Sir Thomas Jackson, a former member of the Legislative Council in recognition of the magnificent services of the deceased to the Colony and British trade, and the heartfelt sympathy with his widow and family in their bereavement.

The resolution was carried in silence, all members standing.

His Excellency further moved:—"That as a mark of respect to this great man, after the questions which are on the agenda paper have been answered, the Council do adjourn until Thursday next." This resolution was also agreed to.

#### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Another Batch of Griffins Drawn For.

Fourteen further subscription griffins, just arrived from the North, were drawn for at the Jockey Club stables this afternoon. They were as follows—

28 (dan).—Mr. J. M. Walker.  
29 (brown).—Mr. Ellis Kadoorie.  
30 (chestnut).—Mr. J. Johnston.  
31 (grey).—Mr. H. Percy Smith.  
32 (spotted).—Mr. H. S. Sassoon.  
33 (dan).—Mr. T. C. Lo.  
34 (grey).—Mr. C. J. Lafrantz.  
35 (grey).—Mr. Morton Smith.  
36 (grey).—Major Nathan.  
37 (chestnut).—Mr. Moller and Capt. Arthur.  
38 (dan).—Wayfoong Mee.  
39 (bay).—Mr. P. Kremer.  
40 (brown).—A Co., Section 1, H.K.V.R.  
41 (grey).—Mr. Lamper.  
We have received to-day the programme of the forthcoming races which are to be held under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club on February 21, 22, 23, and 26.

#### CRICKET.

The following will represent K.C.C. against H.K.C.C. on Christmas Day and Boxing Day on the H.K.C.C. ground commencing at 2.15 p.m. on the 25th inst. and 10 a.m. on the 26th inst.—Major Robertson (Capt.), K. Macaskill, J. P. Robinson, E. B. Reed, H. H. Taylor, A. A. Olafson, J. V. Baga, R. P. Thurnfield, W. Kay, Dr. C. Forsyth and L. M. Whyte.

#### KNEZZLEMENT.

Chinese Story of Ill-treatment by Police.

A Chinese, charged with embezzling \$500 from a shopkeeper at 60, Bonham Street East, was brought up before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Police Court this morning.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing, who appeared for the prosecutor, said he had no evidence to offer on this charge.

It was stated that the police wished for the case to go on.

The manager of the shop said that the defendant was sent to collect \$500 from one of the Canton boats, the *Charles Hardouin*, but did not return till some time after, when he did come back, he said that the money had been stolen in Wing Lok Street. Afterwards witness was told by the Police that the money had been recovered.

Evidence was also given by the complainant of the ship and the Police Court interpreter.

Defendant said that after he had received the money he put it in his pocket. When in Wing Lok Street he was stopped by a man who said he was a fellow-shipman. After they had parted, he found that the money was missing. When at the Police Station he was assaulted in order to "speak the truth." He was seized by the throat and almost choked. He was so badly assaulted that he would have admitted, if it had been put to him, that he had committed a robbery at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. He admitted that he had given the money to another man, because he was afraid of being assaulted again.

Inspector M. O'Sullivan said that as far as he knew there was no truth in defendant's story about the assault.

Mr. Wood passed sentence of six months' hard labour.

#### MORAL GERMANY.

The Result of Culture.

There is some very interesting reading in the last number of the *Fortnightly Review*. One article in particular is well worth perusal and that is "German Logic and its Results," by Mr. A. E. P. R. Weigall. It is a fascinating study of certain aspects of Germanism and if not entirely convincing gives rise to much thought. Incidentally, the writer maintains that in regard to aims of the flesh and to the practice of vice, German civilization has developed a licence which our own civilization tends to restrict. "There is no nation on earth which so richly deserves the fate of the notorious city of Palestine, nor one which is more boldly bestial. In these matters Germany is our up and down and through and is proud of its corruption." That is a bold assertion, but here are some of the facts on which it is based. "The annals of the German divorce courts and courts of law reveal a state of affairs which would be inconceivable in other parts of the world; and the Teutonic mind believes this fact to be significant of its supreme culture. Vice is openly discussed by men and women in their drawing-rooms, and such scandals as that associated with the name of Eulenburg are of constant occurrence. Man, say the Germans, is born of human passion; then surely it is logical to admit their existence and their important role in life. It is a fact that in Germany there are some forty-three cases of rape recorded to every one case in England; twelve cases of incest to each one in England; five times as many illegitimate children; and twenty times as many petitions for divorce." That is the civilization that the Boche seeks to spread.



## PUBLIC AUCTION

GEO. P. LAMBERT.

AUCTIONEER, SHARE &  
GENERAL BROKER

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received  
instructions to sell by Public  
Auction on

WEDNESDAY,

the 29th December, 1915, com-  
mencing at 2.30 p.m. at No. 2  
Old Bailey.A Quantity of Valuable  
Household Furniturecomprising—  
Phunk and Tapestry covered  
couches and chairs, Cherrywood  
beds, round table and stool,  
Blackwood chairs and flower  
stands, Teak overmantels, Mantel  
clocks, Japanese embroidered  
screens, Lacquer cases, Engraving  
frames, Electric ceiling and table  
fans and lamps, carpets, rugs,  
etc., etc.Teak extension dining table and  
chairs, teak sideboard, glass  
cabinet, leather covered arm-  
chairs, E. P. ware, cutlery and  
crockery.Double brass bedstead, Maho-  
gany and teak double and single  
wardrobes with glass doors, toilet  
table and washstand, chest-of-  
drawers, Cherrywood trunk,  
toilet crockery, enamelled bath  
etc.Also  
2 Gramophones, record cabinets  
and records.  
1 American ice chest.On view from Monday the  
17th inst.Catalogue will be issued.  
Terms—Cash on delivery.  
GEO. P. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1915.

THE Undersigned has received  
instructions to sell by Public  
Auction on

TUESDAY,

the 28th December, 1915  
commencing at 11 a.m. at Mody's  
Godown, Wanchai.A Quantity of Machinery  
and Balingcomprising—  
Brick making machine, con-  
crete batch mixer, book corner  
rounding machine, portable  
warehouse cranes, gas producer,  
vacuum cleaner, wire stitching  
machine, platform scale, armoured  
hoose, vertical drilling machine,  
panel planing and thicknessing  
machine, Lathe heads with  
countershaft, wood turning lathe.And  
V. G. F. Balasahala Belting,  
"Bull Dog" brand Balata  
Belting.On view now.  
Terms—Cash on delivery.  
GEO. P. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1915.

## NOTICE.

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO.  
LIMITED.

## TIME TABLE.

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**South Manchuria Railway.**  
The South Manchuria Railway Company is reported to be contemplating the inauguration of an iron and steel works in Manchuria.

**Electrical Materials for Chawangtao.**  
Electrical material imported into Chawangtao for the quarter ended June 30, 1915, was valued at Tls. 4,298 and for the same quarter in 1914 at Tls. 9,879 being more than twice the value.

**Overproduced Sugar Yield.**  
Brisbane, Nov. 8.—Mr. Easterly, general manager of the Sugar Experiment Stations, states that the approximate estimate of this season's yield of sugar in Queensland was 136,000 tons. Most of the sugar districts were suffering severely from drought.

**An American-Chinese Bank.**  
Word has been received in Manila from reliable sources that the American-Chinese Banking Corporation has been organized in the United States and will establish banking institutions in the Orient.

According to reports received from some of the Boston incorporators, enthusiasm for this new financial venture has been somewhat diminished by the political situation in China and the withdrawal of the Pacific Mail steamship company. Matters have progressed so far, however, that the new banking corporation will commence operations in the near future.

**Currency Reform in China.**  
Satisfactory progress in the redemption of paper currency in the Provinces of Kweichow and Szechuan has been reported to the Ministry of Finance, says the Peking Daily News. Altogether eight series of notes of various denominations ranging from \$10 to 10 cents have been withdrawn and redeemed through the agency of the Bank of China. The total value of the notes so withdrawn from circulation amounts to the sum of \$119,000. The work of redemption, was conducted under the supervision of an official delegated by the provincial financial commissioner and was carried out to the complete satisfaction of the commercial public. The third instalment of the redemption of the military notes was also accomplished in Szechuan. \$400,000 worth of such notes have been withdrawn and were destroyed in public. In face of all difficulties currency reform is gradually being effected throughout the country, as proven in the case of the above two reports from the provinces of Kweichow and Szechuan.

**Canadian Wheat Crop.**  
Alberta's wheat crop, which is now practically all cut, is according to a statement of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Province, the largest and best in the history of the Province, and is worth nearly \$4,000,000. This compares with a value of slightly more than \$3,000,000 last year. While Alberta is a mixed farming province, and in a measure owes its prosperity to this fact, more cereals have been grown this year than ever before, and wheat forms the larger proportion of the crop. In some districts, even in the northern parts of the province and in the Edmonton district, farmers have devoted almost all their acreage to wheat. In past years some of the Alberta wheat crop has been used for feed. Now, however, almost the entire crop will be sold and exported from the province. The remarkably good crops of oats and other feed grains are contributory factors in this situation. Another reason for the very large wheat crop is the higher yield per acre. The farmers of the province are eminently satisfied with the results of their year's work, and the prosperity which it means for them is being reflected in improved economic conditions all round.

**The Kikyo-Maru Sailed.**  
The Kikyo-Maru, a Kurematsu, which went aground on the Goodwin Sands, has been safely refloated and proceeded to London.

# SHARE REPORT COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK	Today's Closing Price	Number of Shares	Par Value	High	Low	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115	2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139	2140	2141	2142	2143	2144	2145	2146	2147	2148	2149	2150	2151	2152	2153	2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159	2160	2161	2162	2163	2164	2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173	2174	2175	2176	2177	2178	2179	2180	2181	2182	2183	2184	2185	2186	2187	2188	2189	2190	2191	2192	2193	2194	2195	2196	2197	2198	2199	2200	2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212	2213	2214	2215	2216	2217	2218	2219	2220	2221	2222	2223	2224	2225	2226	2227	2228	2229	2230	2231	2232	2233	2234	2235	2236	2237	2238	2239	2240	2241	2242	2243	2244	2245	2246	2247	2248	2249	2250	2251	2252	2253	2254	2255	2256	2257	2258	2259	2260	2261	2262	2263	2264	2265	2266	2267	2268	2269	2270	2271	2272	2273	2274	2275	2276	2277	2278	2279	2280	2281	2282	2283	2284	2285	2286	2287	2288	2289	2290	2291	2292	2293	2294	2295	2296	2297	2298	2299	2300	2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313	2314	2315	2316	2317	2318	2319	2320	2321	2322	2323	2324	2325	2326	2327	2328	2329	2330	2331	2332	2333	2334	2335	2336	2337	2338	2339	2340	2341	2342	2343	2344	2345	2346	2347	2348	2349	2350	2351	2352	2353	2354	2355	2356	2357	2358	2359	2360	2361	2362	2363	2364	2365	2366	2367	2368	2369	2370	2371	2372	2373	2374	2375	2376	2377	2378	2379	2380	2381	2382	2383	2384	2385	2386	2387	2388	2389	2390	2391	2392	2393	2394	2395	2396	2397	2398	2399	2400	2401	2402	2403	2404	2405	2406	2407	2408	2409	2410	2411	2412	2413	2414	2415	2416	2417	2418	2419	2420	2421	2422	2423	2424	2425	2426	2427	2428	2429	2430	2431	2432	2433	2434	2435	2436	2437	2438	2439	2440	2441	2442	2443	2444	2445	2446	2447	2448	2449	2450	2451	2452	2453	2454	2455	2456	2457	2458	2459	2460	2461	2462	2463	2464	2465	2466	2467	2468	2469	2470	2471	2472	2473	2474	2475	2476	2477	2478	2479	2480	2481	2482	2483	2484	2485	2486	2487	2488	2489	2490	2491	2492	2493	2494	2495	2496	2497	2498	2499	2500	2501	2502	2503	2504	2505	2506	2507	2508	2509	2510	2511	2512	2513	2514	2515	2516	2517	2518	2519	2520	2521	2522	2523	2524	2525	2526	2527	2528	2529	2530	2531	2532	2533	2534	2535	2536	2537	2538	2539	2540	2541	2542	2543	2544	2545	2546	2547	2548	2549	2550	2551	2552	2553	2554	2555	2556	2557	2558	2559	2560	2561	2562	2563	2564	2565	2566	2567	2568	2569	2570	2571	2572	2573	2574	2575	2576	2577	2578	2579	2580	2581	2582	2583	2584	2585	2586	2587	2588	2589	2590	2591	2592	2593	2594	2595	2596	2597	2598	2599	2600	2601	2602	2603	2604	2605	2606	2607	2608	2609	2610	2611	2612	2613	2614	2615	2616	2617	2618	2619	2620	2621	2622	2623	2624	2625	2626	2627	2628	2629	2630	2631	2632	2633	2634	2635	2636	2637	2638	2639	2640	2641	2642	2643	2644	2645	2646	2647	2648	2649	2650	2651	2652	2653	2654	2655	2656	2657	2658	2659	2660	2661	2662	2663	2664	2665	2666	2667	2668	2669	2670	2671	2672	2673	2674	2675	2676	2677	2678	2679	2680	2681	2682	2683	2684	2685	2686	2687	2688	2689	2690	2691	2692	2693	2694	2695	2696	2697	2698	2699	2700	2701	2702	2703	2704	2705	2706	2707	2708	2709	2710	2711	2712	2713	2714	2715	2716	2717	2718	2719	2720	2721	2722	2723	2724	2725	2726	2727	2728	2729	2730	2731	2732	2733	2734	2735	2736	2737	2738	2739	2740	2741	2742	2743	2744	2745	2746	2747	2748	2749	2750	2751	2752	2753	2754	2755	2756	2757	2758	2759	2760	2761	2762	2763	2764	2765	2766	2767	2768	2769	2770	2771	2772	2773	2774	2775	2776	2777	2778	2779	2780	2781	2782	2783	2784	2785	2786	2787	2788	2789	2790	2791	2792	2793	2794	2795	2796	2797	2798	2799	2800	2801	2802	2803	2804	2805	2806	2807	2808	2809	2810	2811	2812	2813	2814	2815	2816	2817	2818	2819	2820	2821	2822	2823	2824	2825	2826	2827	2828	2829	2830	2831	2832	2833	2834	2835	2836	2837	2838	2839	2840	2841	2842	2843	2844	2845	2846	2847	2848	2849	2850	2851	2852	2853	2854	2855	2856	2857	2858	2859	2860	2861	2862	2863	2864	2865	2866	2867	2868	2869	2870	2871	2872	2873	2874	2875	2876	2877	2878	2879	2880	2881	2882	2883	2884	2885	2886	2887	2888	2889	2890	2891	2892	2893	2894	2895	2896	2897	2898	2899	2900	2901	2902	2903	2904	2905	2906	2907	2908	2909	2910	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